

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter any changes in the claims indicated in the complete copy of the pending claims, as sought to be amended, presented below:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A carrier system comprising:

a system for securing an object comprising:

a releasable adjustable fastening mechanism having a first and second end and comprising an attachment point at the first end and an entry point toward the second end; and

a serpentine article threaded, at one end of the serpentine article, through the entry point and engaged in the releasable adjustable fastening mechanism and, at the other end of the serpentine article, fixedly attached to the attachment point; and

a non-adjustable, closed loop of strap, of circumference selected for use as a manual handle, fixedly attached to the serpentine article and attached to the serpentine article within approximately 6 inches of the first end, the non-adjustable loop facilitating transport adapted to facilitate transporting or hanging an object held by the securing system.

2. **(Original)** The carrier system of claim 1 wherein the releasable adjustable fastening mechanism is a buckle.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The carrier system of claim 2 wherein the buckle comprises

~~(a) at a first end an attachment point to which a first end of the serpentine article is fixedly attached,~~

~~(b) towards a second end (i) an entry point into which a second end of the serpentine article is threaded for releasable adjustable engagement with the buckle and (ii) an engagement surface and a cam that at one end engages the strap and presses it against the engagement surface to lock the engagement when pressure is applied to push the strap away from the second end of the buckle, said buckle free of any spring for biasing the cam.~~

4. **(Original)** The system of claim 1 wherein the serpentine article is a strap.
5. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 1 wherein the non-adjustable, closed loop is from approximately 4 inches in circumference to approximately 12 inches in circumference.
6. **(Canceled)**.
7. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 4 ~~[[6]]~~, wherein the non-adjustable, closed loop is positioned within approximately 3 inches of the ~~[[a]]~~ first end of the serpentine article.
8. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 1, wherein the non-adjustable, closed loop is produced by folding and affixing the serpentine article in a "S" curve, such that one of the opposing "C" sections of the S curve forms the loop.
9. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 8 wherein the non-adjustable, closed loop is affixed by folding and sewing, tacking, stitching the serpentine article in the "S" curve.
10. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 4 ~~[[6]]~~, wherein the non-adjustable, closed loop is produced by folding and affixing the serpentine article in a "S" curve, such that one of the opposing "C" sections of the S curve forms the loop.
11. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 10, wherein the non-adjustable, closed loop is affixed by folding and sewing, tacking, stitching the serpentine article in the "S" curve.
12. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 10, wherein the non-adjustable, closed loop is from approximately 4 inches in circumference to approximately 12 inches in circumference.

13. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 7, wherein the non-adjustable, closed loop is produced by folding and affixing the serpentine article in a "S" curve, such that one of the opposing "C" sections of the S curve forms the loop.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 13, wherein the non-adjustable, closed loop is affixed by folding and sewing, tacking, stitching the serpentine article in the "S" curve.

15. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 13, wherein the non-adjustable, closed loop is from approximately 4 inches in circumference to approximately 12 inches in circumference.

16. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 6, wherein the non-adjustable, closed loop is from approximately 4 inches in circumference to approximately 12 inches in circumference.

17. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 7, wherein the non-adjustable, closed loop is from approximately 4 inches in circumference to approximately 12 inches in circumference.

18-19. **(Canceled)**.